

Hughes and Hough
AUCTIONEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT
AND ADMIRALTY.
General Auctioneers
AND
Share, Coal and
General Brokers.
PROPRIETORS
"TO-KWA-WAN"
COAL STORAGE.
Codes used:
A.B.C. 4th & 5th Editions.
A1. TELEGRAPHIC CODE.
Telegraphic Address
MEMORION HONGKONG.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERN),
on
MONDAY
the 22nd December, 1913, at 2.30 p.m.
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
TOYS, DOLLS, CRICKET SETS,
CRACKERS, &c., &c.
And
A few Cases of
APPLES.
Terms—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Dec. 17, 1913. 1547

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
on
TUESDAY
the 23rd December, 1913, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE TEAKWOOD
AND SUNDRY BLACKWOOD
FURNITURE.
&c., &c., &c.
Comprising as follows:—
TEAKWOOD—Dining and Drawing Room Suite, Upholstered Arm-chairs and Sofa, Carpets and Rugs, (new), Brass and Silver-mounted Bedsteads and Cots, Bed Room Suite, Bureau, Wardrobe, Washstand, &c., Dining Room Furniture, Sideboards, Dinner Wagon, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, etc., etc., 2 Dinner and Dessert Services, Crockery, Sundry Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Kitchen Utensils, Cutlery, &c., Brass Fenders and Fire Brackets, Brass Curtain Poles, etc., etc.
Also
Two Old Chinese Blackwood Cabinets, Electric Reading Lamps, etc., 1 Marble Clock, 1 Typewriter (portable), Sundry Oilcans and Silver Ware, 1 Rubber Tyred Ricksha, and Pianos.
Catalogue will be issued.
Terms—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1913. 1543

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
on
TUESDAY
the 30th December, 1913, at 2.30 p.m., at his Residence, "The Cottage," No. 126, Barker Road.
THE WHOLE OF HIS
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE,
therein contained.
Comprising:—
Hall Furniture and Dining Room Suite, by well-known local firm (practically new), Sash Carports and Rugs, Music Cabinets, Pictures and Paintings, Chinas, and Antique Vases, Curtains, Poles, etc., etc., Double and Single Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Bed Linen, Teakwood Wardrobe, Washstand, Dressing Table, etc., (especially new), Parity and Kitchen Utensils, including Large Dinner Service, Plate and Cutlery, complete set of Crystal, Tea and Coffee Services, etc., etc.
Also
A number of very fine, patterned Chairs upholstered in Leather, Grapes, etc., 1 Large Brass Music Stand and Fittings, etc., etc.
Full Particulars from Catalogue.
On view till 11 a.m.
Terms—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1913. 1549

AUCTION
PUBLIC AUCTION.
PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letters by Public Auction, to be held on **MONDAY**, the 22nd day of Dec., 1913, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, in the Government Building, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 70 years, with the option of renewal, as shown in the plan filed by the Surveyor of the Lands, for one further term of 70 years.
Particulars of the Lots:
Boundary Measurements (Approximate):
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men, to encourage this. We agree with him that while undoubtedly stronger organisation accompanies higher pay, there is no permanent or assured advantage for organised over unorganised labour in any separate sphere of wage-earning, either in the wages or in the security and continuity of employment. Such organisations may help to check violent fluctuations due to the recurrent cycles of active and dull trade, but this is best done by closer contact between the employer and employee, and by the minimum of interference and particularly of aggression. As Mr. Booth further points out, "wage services acquire economic strength very largely in proportion to the measure of stability found in the industrial relationship. No one suffers more from the insecurity of business, which brings about frequent changes, than the working-man, and the unions in encouraging the habit of mind detaching the workpeople from sympathetic interest and pride in their special employment have done more to reduce their labour to a minimum value than to guarantee them a minimum wage. As to employment in the mass, the present trade-union policy serves to undermine confidence; contracts become difficult, calculations are uncertain and unsafe, risks are multiplied, and expenses are increased. Long views become impossible, timely preparations for future occasions are barred, all arrangements must be made from hand to mouth, the cost of production is increased, and business expansion checked. These disadvantages have to be paid for, and their cost does not normally come out of profits, for it is necessarily taken into the planning of enterprise. These are wise words worthy of careful study. If the trade-union policy is wrong, so also is the creation of a great traders' union in order to provide "sineurs of war" under whatever terms such may be defined. The Defence Union does not seem, particularly when one studies the first signatories, to be directly connected with any one trade, and they have further no claim to meet the workers in any one trade, so that there is obviously a departure from the commendable policy of encouraging closer industrial relationship which is such an important factor in establishing that measure of stability as essential to industrial development as enterprise, capital or efficient labour.

MEMO. FOR MONDAY.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Toys, Crackers &c. at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

3.30 p.m.—Auction at P.W.D. of Crown Land at Babbage Path & Hatten Road.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 24.—

8 p.m.—Children's pantomime at Quarry Bay.

THURSDAY, December 25.—

Christmas Day.—Public Holiday.

Friday, December 26.—

Boxing Day.—Public Holiday.

Chinese N.M.C.A. Sports.

SATURDAY, December 27.—

H. K. Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong, due to return to the Colony.

SUNDAY, December 28.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture at "The Cottage," No. 126 Barker Road.

WEDNESDAY, December 31.—

9 p.m.—Duck Ball.

FRIDAY, January 2.—

8.45 p.m.—Tikoo Club Ball.

MONDAY, January 5.—

Peak School Re-opens.

THURSDAY, January 8.—

Noni Co., Newark & Co., Ltd., General Meeting.

FRIDAY, January 10.—

9 p.m.—Engineers' Ball at City Hall.

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LABOUR AND CAPITAL'S RELATIONS.

In this column, the other day, we pointed out the causes that were contributing to the ever-recurring trouble in the industrial world, and indicated that the attitude both of capital and labour was too much inclined to be aggressive. The whole idea of the Employers' Defence Union is suggestive of militancy. What is wanted is not so much the control of strikes and the support of employers or free workers when brought face to face with hardships consequent on strikes; the aim rather should be to obviate recourse even to threats or ultimatums. We are passing through a period of grave anxiety in connection with the labour question. New unions are arising every day. Young converts are proverbially full of enthusiasm, and this applies to the newer unions. Eager for the advancement of their cause, and without that patience and judgment which comes with experience they adopt compulsory methods, which, while injuring trade and commerce, more seriously harm the unions. Youth will be served, but we are afraid that the older unions are exercising some restraining influence. There are, from time to time, threats of sympathetic strikes, but these, fortunately, seldom materialise. The proposal of the Defence Union is to enable all employers to act sympathetically with those of their number who are hard hit by strikes. This is uncommonly like adopting the weapon of irresponsible unionism. The building of barriers in the face of an enemy is somewhat of a menace, and as Mr. Charles Booth, in his thoughtful brochure on "Industrial Unrest and Trade-Union Policy," has said, "Jealousy and temper, the justice passion, and ill-will, tend to intervene and check every step forward in the industrial life of any country. It is important that nothing should be done which may increase

THE GOVERNOR'S RETURN.

Dec. Next Saturday.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., is expected to arrive here on the conclusion of his holiday on Saturday next, December 27. He will be received by a guard of honour of one captain, two subalterns and 100 rank and file of the D.C.L.I., with regimental colour and band, and a salute of seventeen guns will be fired. Commanding officers and heads of government departments will attend.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Charles S. Adje has been elected a resident Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute, and Sir John Jordan a non-resident Fellow.

The death occurred at the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, Tientsin, on the 10th inst., of Mr. Edward Wright, 2nd officer, as, Shantung. The deceased was taken ill about two months ago with double pneumonia and went to Japan to recuperate. On his recovery Mr. Wright joined the Shantung in which he had made only one or two trips. Before the Shantung left the Bund on Monday morning he was carried ashore suffering from a recurrence of his old complaint.

His Excellency Mr. Sarrailh, Governor General of Indo-China, with M. Gaston Liebert, French Consul at Hongkong, M. Knight, Consul at Canton and Mr. W. G. Jack, visited Kowloon Dock yesterday afternoon. Mr. H. M. Dyer, chief manager, and Mr. Graham received the visitors, who took great interest in their work of the docks. Among the steamers under construction which they visited was the *Yata*, recently built for M. Roche, of Hongkong and which is practically completed. His Excellency left for Saigon this afternoon on the battleship *Montcalm*.

WHOOPING COUGH.

When your child has whooping cough be careful to have the cough treated and the child kept in bed. Do not let the child go out until the cough has completely disappeared. This is especially important in the case of children who have had whooping cough in the past, as it is liable to recur.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The French Mail of the 18th Nov. was delivered in London on the 19th Dec.

Police Sergeant Leungmont, Kari, Kendall and Lamigan have returned from leave.

The silk shipped from Hongkong by R.M.S. Empress of India on November 30th, reached New York on December 17th.

Messrs A. Taek and Co., 336 Des Voeux Road, have sent us half a dozen pencils advertising their photographic department.

The Rev. J. L. Baron will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next at 8.30 p.m.

Pennang has been invited to send a cricket team to play Selangor at Kuala Lumpur on January 24 and 27 next—Chinese New Year.

The installation of the Saigon wireless station figures in the Indo-China estimates for next year, an appropriation of 600,000 francs being set aside for this work.

Messrs Moutrie and Co. ask us to state that to suit the convenience of the public during the present busy season they intend to remain open until 6 p.m. next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Hongkong Corps of Sea Scouts is to be inaugurated on the 29th instant at St. Joseph's College, when Capt. R. Strafford, M. V. O., will outline the objects and duties of the organisation.

The members of the Garrison Cricket Club will be "at home" on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground for the match which will be played between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the United Services on Christmas Day. It is hoped that a military band will play during the afternoon.

A Chinese woman attending a performance at Taipeinghan theatre took off her boots and put her feet on a bench in front of her for greater comfort. Feigning asleep a man sitting near her watched the performance, and walked off. He was caught and appearing before the Magistrate this morning was remanded.

Mr. W. Wilmer, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, is calling the attention of all members of the shipping community to a meeting which will be held at the King Edward Hotel, at 11 a.m. to-morrow (Sunday). An invitation is extended to all interested, whether members of the Guild or non-members. The object of the meeting is to discuss the question of salaries paid to Captains and officers on Chinese coast steamers.

In whatever other way Chinese students enrich themselves while abroad, it must not be by a wife. To whatever charms they succumb in America, Europe or Japan it must not be those of the fair sex. The Ministry of Education has issued a circular in the matter, and being evidently convinced that "East is East and West is West" have in effect declared that "never the twain shall meet." The heads of Government offices are not usually credited with excessive imagination and romances of this kind will put the youth of China beyond the pale. In future, according to an order just promulgated, any military student who marries a foreign woman will be barred from entering the army while Directors of Chinese students are ordered to deprive of their scholarships and send home immediately all those students who marry foreigners.

SUPREME COURT.

At the Summary Court yesterday afternoon when the case was called of the *Wak Sen* firm v. the *Tai Yik* firm, in which the claim is for \$65.07 neither the plaintiffs nor their solicitor (Mr. Heywood) were present.

His Honour waited for ten minutes to see if the parties would put in an appearance but this not happening he gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

Mr. Neesham represented the defendant firm.

S. SUMMER V. A. ALAMDA.

This claim was for \$1000.

Mr. May, on behalf of the plaintiff, said that a statement of claim had been filed but he asked for an order that a statement of defence should also be filed.

Mr. Heywood (for the defendant) said that he would do so this week.

His Honour ordered that the claim be done before Wednesday.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

When a person is engaged in a conversation with another person, it is unnecessary to use words which are not required for the purpose of the conversation. This is especially true in the case of children, who are often prone to use words which are not necessary for the purpose of the conversation.

TO-DAY'S BANKRUPT COURT CASES.

His Honour the Chief Justice (Sir William Ross Davies) sat in the Bankruptcy Court this morning, when in the matter of the bankruptcy of Ho Wan Fung, Mr. R. A. Harding, who appeared for the petitioning creditor, asked for a receiving order.

Mr. Leo D'Almada a Castro, who represented a number of creditors, said the debts were placed at \$45,000 and he was instructed to apply for an adjudgment for the filing of certain affidavits.

Mr. Harding—I submit my friend has no locus standi. I am the petitioning creditor, and he cannot appear on my petition.

Mr. D'Almada—My clients have reason to believe that there are no substantial assets for division amongst the creditors, and the debtor has done certain acts which, if brought before the notice of the Court, would prevent a receiving order being made.

Mr. Harding—My friend has no locus standi.

The Official Receiver (Mr. H. A. Nesbit)—I am official Receiver for an adjudgment in this case. I understand it has been granted to the Court to hear applications on an application of this kind.

His Lordship—What is your position?

The Official Receiver—I was an adjudgment in order to give me time to ascertain whether there are any substantial assets.

Mr. Harding—I submit the Official Receiver is not entitled to say anything because he is not yet in this case. I am the petitioning creditor, and if I show in my statement sufficient grounds I submit that an order should be made. Neither a creditor nor the Official Receiver has any right to be heard.

His Lordship—How is the Court to ascertain whether there are substantial assets to justify a receiving order?

Mr. Harding—On the affidavit made by the petitioning creditor.

His Lordship—Where is there any allegation of assets in your petition?

Mr. Harding—The additional affidavit filed, and submitted to that he was entitled to a receiving order.

His Lordship—It is perfectly easy for you to satisfy the Official Receiver as to the accuracy or approximate accuracy of the statements in that affidavit.

Mr. Harding—I submit, with all due deference, that it is not my duty. The Official Receiver is representing other creditors, and probably does not want a receiving order made on my petition.

His Lordship—Surely there is nothing unreasonable in granting an adjudgment to enable him to verify your affidavit?

Mr. Harding—If the Official Receiver is going to object, he should be prepared with evidence.

After further argument the hearing of the petition was adjourned.

SPORTING.

Association Football.

H.M.S. TAMAR RES. v. HONGKONG POLICE.

These teams lined up on the Naval ground yesterday, 2nd Division, United Service League points being at stake.

Teams:—

H.M.S. Tamar Res.—Dugdale; Palmer; McNeice; Riddick; Clements; Lankman; Jones; Felton; Adams; Monday; Drake.

Hongkong Police—Swan; J. Clarke; Carey; A. Clarke; Gardner; Drury; Grimmett; Reynolds; Kelly; Becker; Wilson.

Referee, Sergt. Wilson.

By the time the teams were warned to their wicket it was noticeable that they were very evenly matched. Most of the sailors' attacks came from the right, Jokes being in rattling form and being well supported. His fine centres were not utilised to the best advantage, Carey and J. Clarke kicking strongly. Kelly got his forwards together and Becker was on the point of scoring when the ball hit Wilson, who was offside. Grimmett and Lankman seemed bent on gaining advantage over one another regardless of the disadvantage to their side. Reynolds was going through halter-acting when he fell, loud appeals from their supporters being ignored. Both goalies were well tested, particularly Dugdale who was lucky on occasions to be in the proper spot to deal with fine shots from Becker and Reynolds. An interesting first half ended—

H.M.S. TAMAR RES. 0, HONGKONG POLICE 0.

The second half was a replica of the first. Both ends were tested in turn. After much strenuous play Adams and Monday worked through goal and the former delivered a shot that was a certain goal until even as it crossed the line it was blocked by the goalkeeper and the ball went to the post and behind for a corner. At the sailors' end the Police forwards were away in a line, Wilson putting over a centre that caught the backs napping and John Grimmett ought to have put into the net. With a terrific swing he attempted to do this and failed. An interference of scoring can never have been missed. Palmer was playing a sterling game at back for the sailors and from one of long shots Jones got a terrific goal. Carey and Drury with ease, winding up with a centre that Swan missed. The forwards, however, not being up to the ball went to touch. All were predicting a draw, when the Tamar forwards became aggressive, and Adams, coming out to the net, and setting his line with the ball, kicked the ball into the net. There was only a minute left to play and the sailors kept their lines intact until the whistle announced that the winners of the first half were the Police.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

We hear that Sir Paul Chater, who has taken such a keen interest in Racing in the Far East for, we believe, over a quarter of a century, has a string of ponies coming down by the C.M. and "Kwangle" due here to-morrow or Monday. They include our old friend Royal Rose, two Tiantian stables, Flock and Fred and nine Griffins, Dobbies and Nary Coppers.

The thirteen Subscription Griffins expected by the Annual, to-morrow, will be drawn for at Kennedy's Stable, on Monday at 4.30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize distribution of St. Joseph's College took place last evening, the successful students receiving their gifts and certificates at the hands of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Sir, Mr. Claude Severn). His Excellency, who was accompanied by Capt. Conolly, A.D.C., His Lordship Bishop Pate, and Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, was received in the college compound by a guard of honour composed of about fifty members of the College troop of Boy Scouts in charge of Chief Scoutmaster Major Bowes Scoutmaster A. J. Edwards and Assistant Scoutmaster Roylance. The boys looked very smart in their new khaki uniforms, with green hedges, and were complimented. There was a large gathering of parents and others at the presentation proceedings, among them being Mr. J. J. Leiris, Consul-General for Portugal.

The report made by the Brother Director, Rev. Brother Adrian, with the prize list, will be found on pages 4 and 5.

His Excellency, after presenting the prizes and certificates, said they had all listened to Brother Adrian's report with very great pleasure. It showed that St. Joseph's College was in a most flourishing condition and it was only limited by the area in which it stood, or else it would have a great many more pupils. He shared the regret which was expressed by Brother Adrian as the departure of Brother Chater, whom he got to know quite well during his first year in Hongkong. Referring to the matter of limited accommodation, he said that although he had the Director of Education in front of him, and although they had had no previous conference upon which he could launch out—he had not the slightest idea of what his views were—he felt perfectly free to say what he liked. He thought it would be quite a good plan to develop the existing excellent buildings to be higher classes, and to provide elsewhere for the lower ones, forming a sort of preparatory school for St. Joseph's College. That had been done elsewhere where it had come from, with excellent results, and he was sure that in Hongkong it would have to be done. He was glad to see the excellent results of the Oxford classes, mentioning that all those who had presented themselves for the Senior examination had passed, and he trusted that those numbers indicated that some would go on and enter the University. Emphasising the need for the erection of a hostel for University students of the Roman Catholic faith he said that in the vicinity of the University he had noticed an excellent site—he would not say where—said he hoped that some time in the future they would see a Roman Catholic hostel rising from that site to provide for the undergraduates of the Roman Catholic Church who might wish to go into a hostel belonging to their own faith. Referring to the progress made by the shorthand and typewriting classes, he assured the students that if they intended to enter the Government service they would find that a knowledge of shorthand in certain of the offices would be very useful, for it led to an increase of salary and general advancement. Dealing with the athletic side of school life, he said he was very glad to be able to give approval for the raising of a Scouts' corps because he knew they would be in good hands, and he was only sorry that it was not raised in time for them to appear before the Chief Scout, General Baden Powell, when he was in Hongkong recently. He could tell them that there was a movement in Hongkong, and he believed it was going to be a very strong movement to inaugurate a troop of Sea Scouts. He did not see why, living on this island the ordinary Boy Scout and Sea Scout should not in some way amalgamate. Sea Scouts would learn their art of swimming and also the management of boats. As to swimming, he would rather strain to-day from talking about it, because he noticed that his remarks had been taken up and he did subject, which he was not prepared to discuss, was taken on to them. He expressed the hope that all the boys would make themselves thoroughly efficient swimmers and that all the schools would provide a certain number of this class of sport.

In conclusion His Excellency expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to come for the first time to the prize-giving at St. Joseph's and trusted it would not be the last. He added "I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year."

Bishop Foran thanked His Excellency on behalf of the school Director and staff for his presence, which would encourage the staff and the scholars in their school work. He also referred in complimentary terms to the work of Major Bowes and his assistants who had helped to form, and were now in charge of, the College scout corps.

During the evening a programme of music was rendered by the students. In addition to the school awards presented, His Excellency placed on the breast of Mr. Foran, a medal awarded by St. Joseph's in token of his gratitude for having saved him from drowning in a deep pool at Deep Water Bay. Both sides are members of the Scouts.

CONCESSIONS TO I. C. S. N. CO. OFFICERS.

We learn that the Indo-China S. N. Co. have decided to improve the conditions of their Captains and Officers serving in their Far Eastern fleet. The benefit, as we understand, much the same as those recently granted by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire to the men in the China Navigation boats, and are as follows:—

After six years' service six months leave on half pay and second class passage home and back.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Date of Annual Camp Settled.

We have been informed that the annual camp of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps has been fixed to be held from Friday, January 10th, to Sunday, January 13th inclusive. The Corps, we understand, is "going strong," the roll-call now numbering 239, the highest number for eleven years, with more to come waiting to be sworn in. The Hongkong Volunteer Reserves too have increased to the respectable total of 145 members.

The annual camp will be held at Hung Hom, Junk Bay, not very far from the spot where Remo's flour mill was situated.

It is possible that the Reserves will go into camp for the last week-end, but this has not definitely been decided yet.

VOLUNTEER OFFICER RESIGNS.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to accept the resignation of Lieutenant J. A. T. Plummer of his Commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, with effect from December 15.

BIG FIRE AT GRIMSBY.

£70,000 DAMAGE.

A serious fire occurred on the timber wharves at the Alexandra Dock, Grimsby, recently, breaking out shortly before six o'clock, the flames, throughout the night, and until the following afternoon, though every available engine and fire boat was brought into play. The damage, which is expected at approximately £70,000.

The fire originated in the wood drying sheds of Messrs. Green and Co., timber importers, of Grimsby and Kighly, spread to the saw and moulding mills, and thence to the timber sheds in the yard, and for many hours they had to work on the outskirts, preventing its spread to other mills and timber yards. The stacks in the centre of the involved area had to be allowed to burn themselves out. So fierce was the fire that huge stacks were reduced to mere heaps of charcoal. Railway tracks in adjacent sidings were twisted and scorched. It was only by dint of removing stacks of many tons of wooden goods that the area of the fire was restricted.

At present the origin of the outbreak is unknown. The Grimsby district was at first smothered, but there is no evidence to support it. The loss is practically covered by insurance. Other firms besides Messrs. Green sustained damage through heat, water, and disturbance of timber stocks.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Tenders are invited for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway terminal station at Kwai Lung.

A notice in the "Herald" prohibits the landing of dogs in the Colony for a period of six months from December 27.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has approved Monday, December 22, to be observed as a general holiday in the Colony.

Hongkong Kowloon Reserves are reminded of the notice for "Pay & Allowances" to be received at 9 a.m. at Kowloon Court on Monday at 9 a.m.

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THE BRITISH NAVAL MISSION TO CHINA.

London, Dec. 20.
The British Naval Mission to China, will not sail at present as Captain Christian, R.N., has so far only secured the services of three of the six naval officers required. It is improbable that the mission will be completed till the beginning of the new year.

ANOTHER LOAN FOR CHINA.

A New Railway Project.
BRITISH FIRM TO FINANCE THE SCHEME.

London, Dec. 19.
Reuter's Peking correspondent states that Baron French, representing Messrs Paulings, of London, has signed an agreement for the financing and construction of a railway from a point opposite Shai, in the Yangtze Valley to Shiu Ngifu in Kweichow, with a branch line from Chengtse to Chancha, the capital of Hunan. The agreement requires the endorsement of the Minister of Finance.

ECHO OF THE ZABERN AFFAIR.

Officer Sent to Prison.

London, Dec. 20.
A telegram from Strassburg states the Court Martial has sentenced Lieutenant Forster to forty-three days imprisonment for assaulting, on Dec. 4, a crippled shoemaker, at Detweiler near Zabern, where rioting had taken place between the military and the populace. Lieutenant Forster, according to the reports, appeared to be the cause of most of the commotion.

THE RE-ASSEMBLING OF PARLIAMENT.

London, Dec. 20.
Mr. Asquith had a second audience with the King this week, at which His Majesty signed the proclamation re-assembling Parliament on February 10.

THE BOMBS AT HOLLOWAY GAOL.

Little Damage Done.
London, Dec. 19.
The bombs damaged the outer wall, but did not touch the buildings at Holloway Prison. Two long fuses were found ending in the back garden of a house which is used as the Suffragettes' guard-room. The house was empty.

Amateur Work.

The Holloway bomb outrage was amateur work and apparently intended merely to make a big noise.

THE LEEDS STRIKE.

Men Returning to Work.

London, Dec. 19.
As a result of the Corporation's ultimatum the tramway men at Leeds have resolved to return to work. It is expected that as a result of the strike the Corporation will partially contract out certain public utilities.

Volunteer Worker Assaulted.

A striker assaulted a volunteer gas worker who was returning home, ransacking the man's skull and jaw.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Advanced Rates in United States.

London, Dec. 19.
The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company have placed a fire insurance of \$22,000,000 with Lloyds in London, thus saving \$27,000. The action is the result of the sharp advance in the rates on American Companies.

SHAKESPEARE NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

A Site Obtained.

London, Dec. 19.
It is stated that the Shakespeare Memorial Commission has obtained a site in Stratford-upon-Avon for the National Memorial to Shakespeare.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AMERICA'S "GREATEST CALAMITY HOWLERS."

THE SPEAKER'S VIGOROUS DENUNCIATION.

London, Dec. 20.
A telegram from Washington states that Mr. Clark, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, left the Chair yesterday evening for the purpose of replying to various Republican members who had been predicting dire consequences from the effect of Administration bills, especially those affecting currency. Mr. Clark denounced them as the "greatest calamity howlers in the country," and said that there seemed to be a conspiracy to make their part and make people believe that business was "going to the dogs."

"THE TIMES" ON THE "INDIAN PERIL."

London, Dec. 20.

"The Times" has begun a series of articles, headed "The Indian Peril," in which the writer dwells on the dangers threatening the security of British rule. In a leader, the same journal, after discussing the general situation, remarks that the excitement about the treatment of Indians in South Africa is more widespread and more formidable than the combination of the younger combative Mahomedans with the Hindu National Congress, as it embraces all classes and all communities, and raises issues which in time will cause British Statesmen far more anxiety than all the bombs and plots of Indian anarchists. "The Times" wishes that the Commission which Sir Louis Botha very properly appointed, included men more widely known throughout the Empire. The stories of ill-treatment had been unquestionably exaggerated; but they should be investigated by a Commission whose findings would be accepted in India unquestionably.

"ROBERT" AND HIS PAY.

London Force Dissatisfied.

London, Dec. 19.
The report that the wages of London police had been increased by half a crown is now confirmed as for men above 15 years' service. The increase was designed to deter the men from joining a Union which outsiders are promoting, but it has had the contrary effect, and there are shoals of applications for membership from the men under 15 years' service, who are dissatisfied.

THE DELIMITATION OF ALBANIA.

Britain's Proposal Agreed to.

London, Dec. 19.
It is semi-officially announced that the International Commission on the delimitation of the southern frontier of Albania has concluded its labours. It has unanimously agreed to the line proposed by Great Britain, which was in conformity with the views of Italy and Austria-Hungary.

COMPENSATION DEMANDED FROM CHINA.

Peking, Dec. 19.

The compensation demanded by foreigners on account of damage they suffered at Nanking during the second revolution amounts to \$20,000,000. Germany alone demands \$10,000,000, and France and Japan \$6,000,000.

ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION OF RAILWAY LOAN FUNDS.

Peking, Dec. 19.

The financial representatives have discovered that part of the Canton-Hankow and Southern Railway Loan has been misused.

An explanation from the Central Government has been demanded.

It is alleged that most of the loan was used by the King without accounting for the proceeds in which the money was disbursed.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SHOPS.

A TOUR ROUND THE STORES.

WHAT TO BUY AND WHERE TO BUY IT.

A visit just now to the various shops in the Colony impresses one with the immensity of good things stocked for the festive season; and it is really bewildering when it comes to a matter of choice in buying. There is so much one would like that the difficulty lies in saving your purchases to your purse. Still, there is a great variety to pick and choose from and a few remarks on what may be had at prices suitable for all pockets may not be out of place. There is, it may be stated, a general all-round excellence in the displays.

MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

This well-known firm, famous at all times for high class goods.

At some cases it has almost reached the stage of depletion. However, there is still an endless variety of articles from which a selection may be made. First and foremost in the category come the children's toys. Here you find a glorious collection of dolls and figures, motor cars, rocking horses, mechanical toys, sports and games, every thing in short to charm the little ones. The outfitting department again is replete with useful presents for ladies and gentlemen, such as umbrellas and walking sticks, variety bags and purses, handkerchiefs, gloves, warm waistcoats, etc., while handsome gifts for friends will be found amongst the brass and electroplated ware, of which there is an astonishing variety. In the furniture department are found such articles as fancy writing tables and chairs, feather and down cushions and smokers' cabinets and racks all very suitable as presents. Coming to table delicacies we find the finest French confectionery, cold cutmeats and foreign dishes, English hams and Wiltshire bacon, Christmas puddings, mince-cakes, wreaths of every description—in fact all kinds of hors d'oeuvre and savories to tempt the most exacting palate; while a capital stock of wines, spirits and liquors leaves nothing more to be desired in the way of good cheer for Xmas. Lane, Crawford & Co. is pre-eminently a house for goods of first class value.

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Messrs. Watson and Co. are making a special appeal to Christmas requirements in the way of specially prepared cases containing assorted samples of their wines and spirits at prices within the reach of all. The name of this firm is synonymous with everything of the very best and its reputation for "good stuff" needs no comment. There is a host of articles suitable both for presents and for inclusion in the special fare which visitors associate with this season of the year. Wine, spirits, high class cigars and cigarettes are fully set forth in an attractive catalogue, and customers will find this catalogue decidedly useful in assisting them in their purchases. Things eminently suitable for presents will be found in the confectionery, confectionery and fancy departments. Special mention may be made of Cadbury's chocolates in fancy boxes, Bourneville nut chocolates, Fuller's famous confectionery including marzipan chocolates, caramels, almond lozenges, peppermint tumps and creams, all toothsome delicacies. Their display of crackers is a remarkably fine one this year, and they are so beautifully designed as to make ideal table decorations. Pipes, pouches and other articles dear to the smoker's heart will also be found in great variety.

MESSRS. GAUPP & CO.
Surely we may be pardoned for being seized with a spirit of acquisitiveness on entering the premises of this old established firm. Beautiful, glittering objects in gold and silver meet the eye wherever it roams and perfume arrests the attention of the visitor. There are novelties here too numerous to mention; valuable articles for those who can afford them; wonderfully choice examples of the silversmith's art. Messrs. Gaupp and Co. carry a very high quality of diamond jewellery, English-made, as also a capital selection of gold and silver watches of American, English and Swiss manufacture. A feature of their magnificent display is a great stock of Mappin and Webb's silverware in choice designs.

Before deciding finally on what to give for Xmas do not fail to call and see the splendid collection of valuables at Gaupp's. There is a great variety of watches, bracelets in great variety, fancy gilt marble and French carriage clocks all appeal to one who is in doubt as to a suitable Xmas gift.

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